

# Badger Fly Fishers



Newsletter

February 2015

## Spring Opener 2015, don't miss it!

The Opener will be held Saturday, February 14, 2015 at the American Family Insurance Training Center, Building "A", 6000 American Parkway, Madison. The doors open at 8:00 A.M. Directions to our new event site are available on our [website](#).

There is a registration form on page two. Please be aware that we have to give the facility an exact count for lunch and banquet meals. Therefore, if you plan to eat lunch for \$10.00 (includes a classic sub sandwich wrap, beverage and a cookie) or attend the evening banquet for \$22.00 (includes Southern BBQ chicken with sides, coffee/lemonade and assorted gourmet bars) **you must let us know by returning the registration form and your check to the address listed on the form.** Doing so will speed up your registration at the door as well.

There is also a place on the form to join or renew your membership to the Badger Fly Fishers.

Our speaker, Craig Matthews, has literally written the book on fishing in the Yellowstone area.

He is also an outfitter and owner of Blue Ribbon Flies in West Yellowstone, one of the most outstanding shops in all of the west.

American Family Insurance graciously makes their facilities available to local nonprofit organizations and we are very grateful to be able to host this year's Opener on their campus.



The downside is that no smoking or alcohol is allowed anywhere on the grounds. We hope you'll agree that this is a minor inconvenience for a great day of all things fly fishing.

Once again we will have our lively auction taking place after lunch, and a number of fine items will be available for bidders.

Throughout the day we will have our regular, great assortment of master fly tiers and vendors. Tiers will be demonstrating traditional and innovative patterns including bass bugs, dry flies, nymphs, salmon and steelhead flies.

Then at 4:30 p.m. we will begin drawing tickets for the winners of our bucket raffles. The day will conclude after our evening banquet where we give our Joan and Lee Wulff conservation award.

We invite everyone to stay and have dinner with us, ***please pre-register if you plan to join us for lunch or at the banquet.***

You will find more information on our website: [badgerflyfishers.com](http://badgerflyfishers.com) or contact:

[Bill Engber](#) (608) 238-4373

Come and join the fun!

**PRE - REGISTRATION FORM:  
BADGER FLY FISHERS 2015 SPRING OPENER  
(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)**

**Pre-registration saves you time at the door  
and gets you into the event sooner.  
Plus, lunch and banquet tickets are limited!**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**Individual Pre-registration** \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Family Pre-registration\* \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Lunch \$10.00 / person \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Evening Banquet** after the Opener \$22.00 / person \_\_\_\_\_

2015 BADGER FLY-FISHERS MEMBERSHIP \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Children under 16 years old are FREE

Make checks payable to: **Badger Fly Fishers**

**Send completed form and check to:**

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## FLY FISHING OPENER



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2015



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MADISON, WI • [www.badgerflyfishers.org](http://www.badgerflyfishers.org)  
8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. plus evening banquet



### ATTRACTIONS

- Commercial exhibits of the latest and finest in fly fishing equipment
- Raffles, and lively auction
- Fly tying demonstrations

### LOCATION

American Family Insurance  
Training Center  
6000 American Parkway  
Madison, WI

### FEATURED SPEAKER

**Craig Mathews** - Fly Fisher, Fly Tier, Guide and Author

- Fishing Yellowstone Hatches
- Tenkara
- Yellowstone!! (Evening Banquet)

The Badger Fly Fishers Newsletter is published monthly. Articles, photos, information, and calendar events for the newsletter are encouraged and should be submitted by the 1st day of the month of issue to: Dan Johnson, 426 Glenway St., Madison WI 53711. If possible, Word files sent to: [johnson7@tds.net](mailto:johnson7@tds.net) are most appreciated.

# Next Meeting:

**Monday  
February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

## **Nate Sipple - Steelhead**

Nate is a full-time guide for Tight Lines Fly Fishing Company. He has worked there for over seven seasons now and runs trips for smallmouth bass, lake-run brown trout, steelhead, spring creek trout and muskies.

He has also written several articles for various fly fishing publications and is featured in the newly released DVD, "Off the Grid". He grew up on Western Wisconsin waters, a stones throw from the banks of the fabled Kinnickinnic River.

He started fishing the Kinni and other nearby trout streams at the age of ten. His love of the sport does not just pertain to trout, as he quickly fell in love with chasing pike and bass with the fly and eventually, steelhead.



# Events Calendar

February 14<sup>th</sup> **BFF Spring Opener**

February 17<sup>th</sup> **WSA Monthly Meeting**

Kyle Zempel of Black Earth Angling, Fishing opportunities on the Lower Wisconsin Riverway

February 23<sup>th</sup> **BFF Monthly Meeting**

Nate Sipple - Steelhead

March 23<sup>th</sup> **BFF Monthly Meeting**

Tim Landwehr - Golden Dorada of Bolivia

**The Badger Fly Fishers'** meetings are normally held on the fourth Monday of each month. **The Wisconsin Smallmouth Alliance** meets on the third Tuesday. Both groups meet at the Mapletree Restaurant on Highway 51, in McFarland, Wisconsin.

Programs begin at 7:00 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m. Visitors and guests are always welcome.